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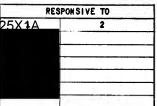
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- 1. The Chinese Communist leaders are disturbed about the present trend in Russian domestic policy. Russian Communist propaganda has been stressing the party's desire to raise quickly the people's standard of living and to provide more comfort for the masses in the coming two or three years. The Soviet press is filled with criticisms, about the food that is not sufficiently varied and tasty, the bad service in restaurants and canteens and, that clothes are not cut neatly, etc., The Chinese Communists regard this campaign as dangerous to the militant spirit of the party cadres, and as an influx of Western degeneration. The Chinese Communists feel more than ever that they have more the standard bearers of the Young Revolution, while the Russian Communist Party, under the pressure of its internal opposition, may tend towards appearament.
- 2. Faced with grave economic difficulties the Chinese Communist Party is preaching a regime of austerity and sacrifice to its cadres. They fear, that the sussian Communists, while improving living standards at home, will not be disposed or able to allocate sufficient heavy industrial equipment to China, and that the progress of Russian industrialization might also be considerably slowed down because of Malenkov's new course.

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